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\$1,000,000 WENT UP IN GODOWN SMOKE

Nine Hurt In Fire Which Guts Building In Seconds FINE WORK BY FIREMEN

Damage officially estimated at well over HK\$1,000,000 was caused by the spectacular fire which injured nine people and gutted Godown 46 on Kowloon Wharf last evening.

Several of 50 firemen, who fought the blaze since shortly after 6.30 p.m. and prevented it spreading to neighbouring godowns stacked with tons of goods, were still standing by early this morning to control the smouldering remains.

Soon after the blaze began through an unknown cause two explosions rocked the waterfront and a column of bituminous smoke billowed 200 feet.

The godown, containing drums of bitumen and quantities of paint at one end, was burning fiercely before the first fire engine had time to reach it from the Kowloon fire station about 150 yards away.

The fire and explosions originated in this section and flames quickly spread to the recently-constructed portion, containing bales of paper and fibreboard, on Salisbury Road.

The nine casualties included a boy of seven and a boy of 17 months which he was carrying on his back while walking along Canton Road. The remainder were tricycle drivers who parked their vehicles near the Police Station steps. They were all detained at Kowloon Hospital suffering from burns.

Such was the heat at this time that personnel of the Tsimtsatui Police Station, under the supervision of Divisional Superintendent A. Pittendrigh and Chief Inspector W. Gowans, played an emergency fire hose on to the roof of the wooden garage in the compound near the godown, as well as on the trees on the slope.

Members of the force attached to the Station were issued with steel helmets and given orders to "Stand by." Motor vehicles of the station were moved to a safe locality, as were some wives and children of the officers with quarters in that old wooden building.

More Explosions

Immediately following two further explosions at 6.50 p.m. smoke and pieces of charred paper were blown about 300 feet into the air. This was followed by a succession of explosions like machine-gun fire which were thought to be caused by the snapping of the iron binders around the bales of paper and fibreboards.

While the firemen were fighting a battle against terrific odds, workmen of the Kowloon Godowns were busily removing goods including drums of inflammable glucose, from Godowns 50 and 51, situated just in front of the burning building.

Mr. Chas. E. Terry, the general manager and secretary, Mr. J. Moodie, the assistant manager, and members of the Wharf Police supervised the work.

Hoses were run from Fire Boat No. 2, under Acting Deputy Chief Officer H. Tiplady, tied up at the Kowloon Police Pier, through the Godown compound on to Godown 46 and the adjoining building.

RASC Assist

At 7.35 p.m. an Army fire tender of the RASC arrived to give a helping hand, followed by another two tenders at 8 p.m. Mr. K. A. Bidmead (Officer Commanding Kowloon and New Territories), Divisional Superintendents E. C. Luscombe and Wright-Nootch, Chief Inspector F. T. Foran, Mr. L. B. Whant (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. Charles Mottram (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), and Inspector J. Hunter (Officer-in-Charge, Kowloon Traffic Office), were some of the high ranking Government officers on the scene.

As the fire began to spread, occupants of the shops outside the Kowloon Godowns at Salisbury Road began to remove some of their furniture and cashed goods. Occupants of flats facing the godowns at Canton Road got panicky and, with their clothing and household effects carried on their backs and children holding on to their hands, made for safer zones.

The roof of the godown at the Canton Road and Salisbury Road corner caught fire shortly before 8 p.m. and firemen, under DO Seymour, mounted the roof of the taller building at the back and played five hoses on it.

Firemen Fall

Shortly before 9 p.m. two firemen fell off the short ladder placed against the wall at Canton Road and had to be helped to the Kowloon Fire Brigade terminus for treatment. Fortunately, their injuries were not serious. Passengers to and from Hong Kong were diverted on to the pavements along the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station and the path between the Station and the Kowloon Post Office.



FIREMEN at the Salisbury Road end of the Godown (above) try to stop flames from catching hold of the block of shops and godown next door.

(at left):—

FROM HONG KONG: the column of smoke resembled a miniature atom-bomb cloud.



A COLUMN of thick bituminous smoke billows into the air above the burning godown shortly after the outbreak at 6.30 p.m.

Okamura Pleads Not Guilty To Massacre

Shanghai, August 23.

Lieutenant-General Yasutsugu Okamura, 63-year-old former commander-in-chief of the Japanese land forces in China, pleaded not guilty when he faced a special Chinese seven-man military tribunal here this morning on charges of having condoned the massacres of civilians by the troops under his command.

The trial, held in the auditorium of the former Japanese residents club, amid a big crowd, floodlights and cameras, adjourned indefinitely, possibly for the verdict next week.

The prosecutor, Mr. Wung Hin-wei, said Okamura should be held responsible for five specifications of atrocious charges but conceded Okamura had been faithful to the capitulation terms, possibly out of respect of President Chiang Kai-shek or his own tenno (emperor). The prosecutor said Okamura undoubtedly failed to take precautions in preventing atrocities knowing when he became Commander-in-Chief that the discipline of Japanese troops was the poorest.

The three defence counsel, assigned Okamura by the court, gratis pleaded that Okamura had

done his best in taking precautions against atrocities.

Issued Orders

Mr. Eugene Y. V. Kiang, defence attorney, pointed out that Okamura issued written orders to his command forbidding killing, rape and molesting of Chinese civilians, and also revised the Japanese military code, making rape punishable even without a complaint.

The defence claimed he ought to be acquitted. Four Japanese witnesses were called. All of them were convicted war criminals and serving prison terms ranging from 11 years to life. These included Lt.-Gen. S. Otani, M. Shishita M. Itunabiki, and Maj.-Gen. T. Nishioaka.

They testified that their former commander, Okamura, took all precautions to prevent atrocities. Okamura, 67, said as a Japanese and a Japanese army officer, he was awfully sorry for what happened but that it was his obligation to end it where his obligation ended—his legal obligation.

The prosecutor pointed out his troops had faithfully carried out Okamura's aggressive attacks on Chinese cities so how could it be explained they failed to carry out his orders for better discipline?

Only Justice

He said unless such persons as Okamura were punished "we cannot justify ourselves to many Chinese who suffered Japanese atrocities." However, the prosecutor said, he was not asking for vengeance but only justice. A big crowd, estimated at 700, filled the court room and as many more waited outside, listening to the proceedings over loudspeakers. The court building was guarded by military police with fixed bayonets.

Local radio stations broadcast the proceedings.—United Press.

Supplementary Provision

A supplementary provision of HK\$2,200,172 for the fourth quarter of the last financial year ended March 31, 1947, will be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow for approval.

Included in the various items of expenditure is HK\$1,789,285 for high cost of living and rehabilitation allowances. This is a result of previous underestimation and revised salary scales.

The biggest item of expenditure is HK\$2,303,125 for civil pensions, retiring allowances and gratuities. Other expenditure includes HK\$326,161 for transport of government servants; HK\$535,295 for Widows and Orphans Pension; HK\$398,327 for clothing and accountants; HK\$293,500 for transport (Public Works); and HK\$20,472 for passage for police officers.

Worst Fire

All the roads surrounding the scene of the fire were packed with spectators controlled by police. The full force of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, under Sub-Inspector Wall and Oliver, was turned out for duty.

The fire was the most disastrous to occur since the war, and was the worst fire loss suffered by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, with the exception of one caused by gunfire during the battle for Hong Kong.

The godown and its contents were insured with the Hong Kong Fire Office and the Union Fire Insurance Company.

Before the first fire appliance could arrive at the scene (a matter of a minute) Godown 46 was a mass of flames and smoke, with the bales of paper and fibreboards well alight. Two more fire engines, under Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour and Station Officer C. C. Caynes, arrived shortly after.

Roof Caves In

Hoses were run along Salisbury Road, Canton Road, and inside the godown compound and, within a few minutes, over 10 hoses were played on the building and its roof. By 6.45 p.m. the roof caved in with a terrific noise, and firemen began to pour water into the seat of the flames from the slope leading to the Water Police Station.

HK SANATORIUM BUYS UP LAND

12,400-square-foot piece of land in Ventris Road, was bought by the Hong Kong Sanatorium (Yeung Wo Hospital) yesterday at the Crown Land Auction for HK\$155,100. A representative of the Sanatorium was the only bidder.

The land, purchased at HK\$100 above the upset price, is to be used for staff quarters, the representative told the "China Mail" at the auction. The land lies between the Ventris Road Government Quarters—a row of red brick houses—and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Crown rent is HK\$970 a year.

The new owner will have to expend not less than HK\$100,000 in rateable improvements. The building proposed to be erected will have to be completed within 12 months. On the land at present stands the "skolem" of the former residence of the Chaplain of the Methodist Naval and Garrison Church, and was constructed

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Russians Release American

Berlin, August 23.

The Russians today released Mr. Thomas Hazden, American Military Government official, and Mr. Franz Erdmann, director of the Soviet sector German police, was released without trial by the Western Powers.

Mr. Hazden was seized by the Russians on Sunday as he attempted to take pictures at Potsdam Platz just within the Soviet sector. He was released early this afternoon.

The released American reached Roosevelt Barracks, American Military Police headquarters, at 1.25 p.m. in the custody of an American police liaison officer who had gone to meet him at the Soviet Central Kommandatur shortly after noon. The Russian authorities had notified by telephone that Mr. Hazden would be released.—United Press.

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Pioneer Trawlers Forced Back To HK

Typhoon seas forced two pioneering deep sea fishing trawlers to return here after five hours of fishing 120 miles South West of Hong Kong.

The Chung Yu No. 1 and No. 2, the first two Diesel-propelled fishing vessels to venture into deep water south of the colony, arrived yesterday with 3,400 catties of fish, which sold at a good price, totalling HK\$3,800.

The Formosa-built 80-ton trawlers travelled more than 100 miles through rough seas at two knots. Despite the heavy buffeting and unceremonious tossing, they arrived here without any damage at all. The only "casualties" were two apprentices, sent by the Aberdeen Fisheries School, who were sea sick throughout the voyage.

The trawlers fished in circumstances which would be impossible for ordinary fishing junks or even a single trawler in fish, Mr. Tiao Tai, Manager of the Yan-Chuen Fishery Company of Shanghai, said. The vessels had to keep apart at 500 feet to prevent any possible accidents while the vessels lurched and tossed in the heavy seas.

The nets were thrown with some difficulty, but no accident occurred during the five hours. Normally they trawled together about 60 feet apart. The engines were in motion at all times, and despite the high waves and strong winds, the vessels managed to keep their course. The trawlers were fishing in 60-fathom deep waters.

Last Venture

The Chung Yus will leave today for the fishing grounds for their fifth and last venture. Their next trip will be to deep waters 200 miles East of Hong Kong in the open seas. That will be by the end of September, Mr. Tiao Tai said when the typhoon season will set its end. Joining the Chung Yus at the new ground will be their sister ships, the Yan Chuen No. 1 and No. 2. These will leave Shanghai at the end of next month and after fishing at the autumn fishing grounds will come to Hong Kong. From then onwards the four

mechanised trawlers will fish with Hong Kong as their base. The Chung Yus left Hong Kong on August 18 after arriving here on August 7 with a record catch of 22,500 catties in three days' fishing at the same grounds. They are now lying off the Kennedy Town Fish Market.

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Pressure is relatively high from Central China to Manchuria.

Today's Forecast—Moderate SE winds. Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 80.3 deg. F.
Minimum: 78.4 deg. F.
Sunshine: 7.6 hours.
Rainfall: 2.3 mm.—0.09 in. Total since Jan. 1—1594.0 mm.—62.84 in. as against an average of 1610.2 mm.—63.89 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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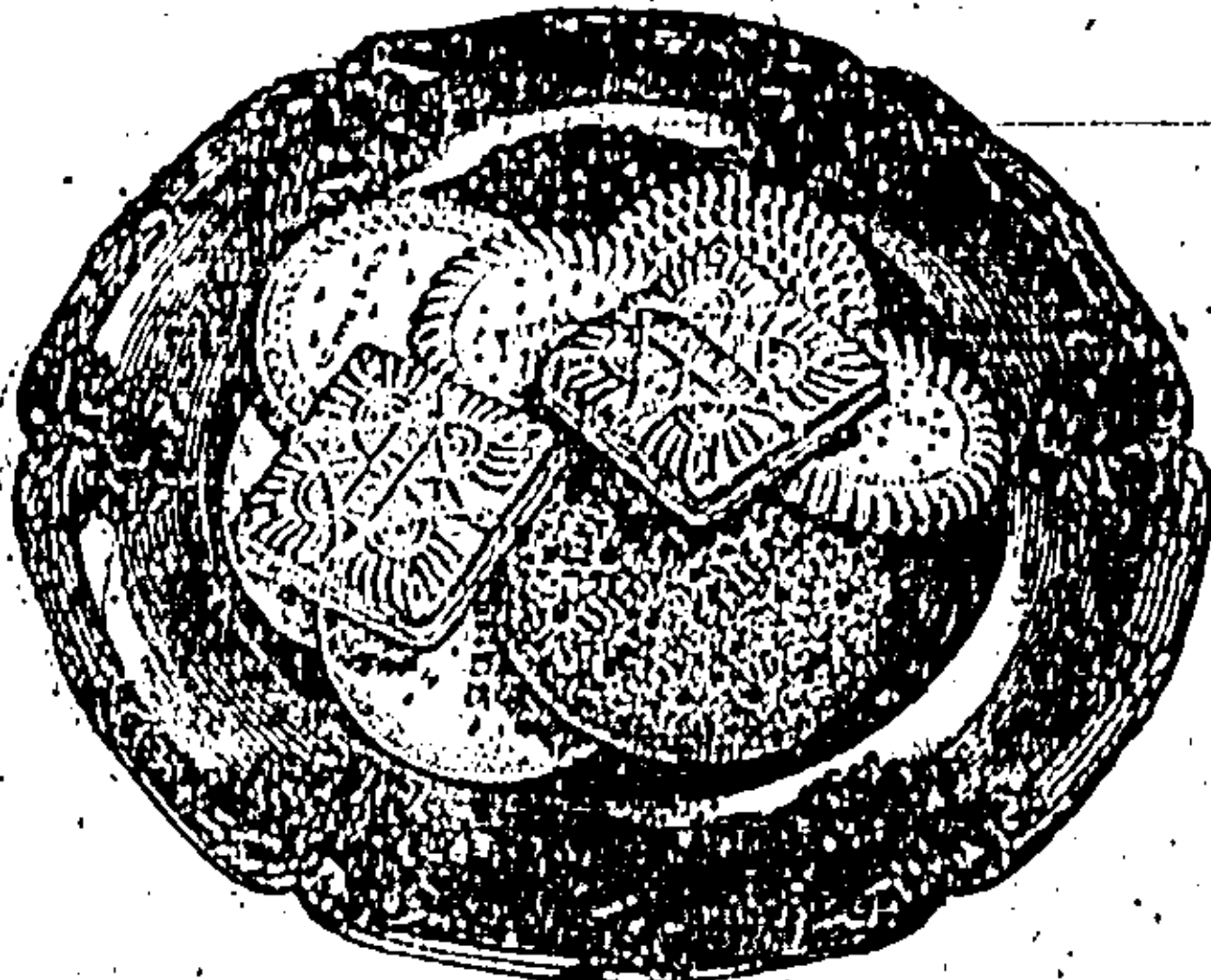
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ONE OF THE BIGGEST DIVANS FOR MONTHS

Described as "one of the biggest divans we have had for many months," 241 Kilong Street, first floor, was raided by Sub-Inspector J. Holmes on Saturday night, and the keeper and 16 smokers arrested.

Opium Ordinance Offenders

Nine groups of offenders against the Opium Ordinance were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Chan Chun-fung, aged 18, the keeper of the divan on the first floor of 68 Lower Lascar Row was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and five smokers received a fine of \$50 each or 15 days.

Chan Leung, aged 43, the keeper of a heroin divan on the ground floor of 29 MacGregor Street, was remanded one week pending an analysis report on the heroin pills.

Gwong to the presence of nine heroin pipes, the smokers were each with and were each fined \$125 or 15 days.

Yeung San-yip, aged 29, keeper of the divan on the roof of No. 58 Connaught Road West was sentenced to six months and six smokers fined \$50 each or 10 days.

Yin Lo, aged 36, keeper of the divan on the first floor of 28 Tai Yuen Lane, received four months' imprisonment, and six smokers got \$50 or 10 days.

Lam Tsan, aged 36, keeper of divan at an unnumbered hut in South Lane, received a sentence of four months and four smokers got \$50 each or 10 days.

Tak Chik-kan, aged 40, keeper of divan on the roof of No. 3 New Market Street received four months and the three smokers got \$50 each or 10 days.

Li Kam-shui, aged 36, living on the roof of No. 1 Ko Shing Street, admitted possession of prepared opium, one opium pipe and one lamp, received four months' imprisonment.

Chan Sze, aged 51, of No. 12 Ko Shing Street, first floor, admitted possession of prepared opium, one pipe and lamp, received a fine of \$400 or two months.

Yuen Wah, aged 37, of No. 3

The dive, according to Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, occupied half of the flat and half of the verandah, with seven beds, seven pipes, 15 lamps and 62 pots (about eight mace) of prepared opium, and was a very well organised one.

The keeper, Pui Tai, was sentenced to a total of six months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to keeping the divan and possession of prepared opium. Twelve of the 16 smokers were fined \$50 each, and the four absentees had their bail of \$75 forfeited. Takin, amounting to \$19.50 were donated to the Poor Box.

With two previous convictions for a similar offence, Wong Loi was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Wicks on the charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of an ounce of prepared opium at 9 Woosung Street, first floor.

Apparatus Seized
The premises were raided by Inspector J. T. Smiley on Saturday and two pipes, one pipe head, 10 pots of opium, a brass bowl used for mixing opium, and a desk with a false bottom seized.

The sole smoker, found on the premises was fined \$50, while, on the application of Inspector J. Orem, the opium and smoking paraphernalia and furniture were confiscated.

Sub-Inspector Fung Loi found Leung Ping, six smokers, six pipes, seven lamps, eight pots of prepared opium, and \$7.15 takings when he raided 119 Aplu Street, ground floor, on Saturday.

Leung Ping, charged before Mr. Wicks with keeping a divan and possession of opium, was fined \$300 or two months' hard labour, and the smokers were fined \$35 each. The \$7.15 was confiscated to the Poor Box.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

Warsaw, August 22. A Military tribunal sentenced to death today six members of an underground band. Two were given life imprisonment. Associated Press.

Chung Ching Street, ground floor, admitted possession of prepared opium, one pipe and lamp was fined \$400 or two months.

Inspector Moran prosecuted in all the cases.

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Explorer Victim Of Pickpocket

Mr. Arthur D. Sowerby, an explorer, lost \$2,000 when someone picked his trousers' pocket in Pedder Street yesterday.

Mr. Sowerby had been to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and had four \$500 notes in his pocket. As he was passing the Gloucester Lounge a man bumped into him, turned round and walked quickly away. When Mr. Sowerby got to the Post Office and felt in his pocket, he discovered the money was missing.

The man has not been arrested. Inspector A. F. Cochrane of Central CID is investigating.

Pickpocket Attempt Failed

Charged with attempting to pick the pocket of Mr. J. M. Lightbody outside the Cafe Wiseman at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, Yuen Wing-him, aged 18, was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Moran said that complainant alighted from his car outside the cafe and was about to enter when defendant passed in front of him.

Complainant was then wearing a sports shirt and shorts and had a bundle of bank notes in his shirt pocket.

Defendant, when he passed Mr. Lightbody bumped into him and with his right hand as a shield, attempted to dive into complainant's pocket with his left.

He had actually got hold of the notes when complainant grabbed him and handed him to a police constable nearby.

When an order was also made for his banishment, defendant said he was Hong Kong born and possessed a certificate.

WELL-KNOWN STREET WALKERS ARRESTED

"Usually in cases of this kind, the defendant is put up for banishment on the third offence," said Inspector J. Orem when he applied to Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for a recommendation for Betty Lam, 22 years to be banished.

Defendant, described as a spinster, was arrested with another 22-year-old spinster, Chan Ying, by Inspector T. Collins at Nathan Road outside the Central Bar at 1.30 a.m. yesterday.

According to Inspector Collins, he saw the girls outside the bar at 1.10 a.m. and kept watch on them until 1.30 a.m. when they boarded a tricycle. He arrested them as they were well-known street walkers.

Lam was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended to be deported, while Chan was bound over in the sum of \$50 for a year. She had a previous conviction in 1947 and Lam had two convictions in that year.

Banished Once More

Banished for life on August 13 this year, Ma Sai-yip, 20-year-old unemployed, was seen by Detective 135 at Austin Road at 8 p.m. on August 21. He was arrested on suspicion of being a returned banished.

Charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with unlawfully returning from banishment, Ma was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be re-banished.

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant was expelled from the Colony on December 4 last year and again on April 13 last. On his third conviction on July 13, he was recommended for banishment and was deported for life a month later.

7 HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN DANGEROUS DRIVING

After turning half a somersault, private car 7459, driven by Mak Kwong-fuk, aged 35, turned over and over sideways, and finally landed in a stream 25 feet below, right side up.

The owner, a 70-year-old man, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fracture of the right hand and other lacerations. The other five passengers and the driver escaped injuries.

When Mak was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous driving, Inspector F. Roberts said that it was most lucky that the other passengers escaped injuries as, if the car had landed in the stream the wrong way up, they would have been drowned.

The prosecution, he said, was not asking for defendant's licence to be suspended, as that was his means of livelihood, but asked for a substantial fine and endorsement on the licence.

Fined \$350

Defendant was fined \$350, with his licence to be endorsed.

According to Inspector Roberts, defendant was driving along Castle Peak Road towards Castle Peak on Sunday and, when near the 13-mile mark, took the left hand bend at such a fast speed that the car was carried to the outside of the road.

In trying to pull out, accused ran the car down the left bank. He swerved again, leaving wheel marks of 78 feet in a gradual curve, and ran on until the front of the car left the road and the bonnet struck a small mound.

The speed at this stage was said to be great that the car turned half a somersault, then turned over and over on its side and landed in a stream 25 feet below.

Intuition On Gunmen Was Right

Thinking it strange that four men should walk into his office yesterday without an explanation, Lu Pk-ying went outside and called the police.

His intuition was right. The men had gone to his Import and Export Business office at 138 Connaught Road Central to rob him.

While he was outside, the men separated and two went to the rear of the office and two stayed at the front. They all produced revolvers.

When they heard the manager's cries they immediately ran away. One of the robbers dropped his revolver, loaded with four rounds of ammunition, his sun glasses and a parcel of oranges on the stairway.

The men escaped before the police arrived, but nothing was stolen from the office. One of the CID is in charge of the case.

Ammunition Possession Alleged

Mr. J. Wicks yesterday fixed the afternoon of September 1 for hearing of the charge of possession of ammunition preferred against Law Mau-chuen, shop-keeper, and Chan Wah-chum, driver, by Detective Sub-Inspector J. P. Waldron.

The case was transferred to the Kowloon Courts from the Tai Po Magistracy on the application of Mr. P. J. Griffiths, representing the first accused.

It was alleged that the ammunition, comprising 2,000 rounds of .45 and .380 rounds of 9 mm. calibre, were found in the luggage carrier of private car 7935, on which defendant was travelling, when it was searched by the police at the Fanling road crossing at 10 p.m. on July 16.

Dockyard Case Legal Argument

Yesterday's hearing at Central of the case involving three Europeans and three Chinese employed by the Royal Naval Dockyard was taken up by legal arguments by the defence and prosecution.

Defendants are: Petty Officer J. C. Horton, charged with the theft of two engines and with conspiracy to steal the engines. W. F. Smith and R. G. Stewart are charged with conspiracy.

Cheng Chui, foreman, Chai Yuen, shop master, and Dennis Khan, merchant, are charged with receiving two marine engines, knowing that they were stolen property.

Mr. F. J. Griffiths appeared for Horton, Mr. Y. K. Kan for Smith, Mr. M. A. da Silva for Stewart, Cheung and Khan and Mr. A. S. C. Comber for Chai.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr assisted by Inspector G. Willerton is for the prosecution.

Mr. Silva submitted that the charge of conspiracy against Horton should be given a separate trial. Mr. Blair-Kerr disagreed and said that all charges should be tried at the same time. Mr. H. H. Shing Lo agreed with the prosecution.

After cross-examination of Warrant Officer E. Nunn by Mr. Griffiths the case was adjourned until today.

Medicine Dealers Charged

The case in which Lee Sing-chuen, Li Kam-lung, and Wong Shing-wo, medicine dealers of 518 Canton Road, second floor, are being charged with possession of two bottles of strychnine nitrate and other poisons will be heard by Mr. J. Wicks on September 2.

Defendants are alleged to have had in their possession the two bottles of strychnine nitrate, two bottles of solution of ferrous ammonium nitrate and strychnine, two bottles of liquid phenol, two bottles of sodium cacodylate, and 840 ampoules of solution of ferrous ammonium nitrate and strychnine.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope yesterday said that he had not yet received instructions as to whether to prefer additional charges against the accused, and that he could only report that the police have no objection to bail being granted in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Wardens Remanded

At the request of Detective Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts, a remand of one week was ordered by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when Timothy Din, Gussy Maria dos Santos, and Saplu Maria were brought before the court on the charge of extortion.

The first defendant was alleged to have obtained \$50 from Fung Yuk, married woman, at Cheung-shan Road on August 9, Santos shawm Road on August 9, Santos on August 18 and Ahmed \$20 from the same complainant on August 11, by representing that the money was due to them as wardens in the Victoria Remand Prison.

Sequel To Chopper Attack

A savage chopper attack on a farmer at Lokmachau in the New Territories in May last, as a result of which the victim was confined to hospital for six weeks, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The attacker, Fung Shu-yiu, a 23-year-old farmer, charged before Mr. Justino Reynolds with wounding Lam Fu, another farmer, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said the blows were on the head and were of such severity that they had caused a depressive fracture of the skull and resulted in some permanent injury.

The attack evidently originated from an old quarrel and ill feeling between the two men. Some months ago the explosion of a bomb caused injury to both of them and to some other people, and accused nursed a feeling that it was all due to Lam's carelessness.

The attack took place on the morning of May 21, and was seen by Lam's master, who chased accused, caught him and handed him over to the village watchman.

Accused, who was legally represented, denied the charge, and said he was hit first by Lam Fu who, in fact, hit him so hard that he fainted. He hit back with the chopper when he was chased by Lam.

Denied Ill Feeling

He denied that he nursed any ill feeling for Lam. The incident on May 21 started with Lam scolding him and attacking him first. After he had been attacked he lost his sense and did not know what he was doing.

He called as his witness Fung Yai, who agreed that accused was attacked by Lam Fu who provided him with a hoe.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hooton, Fung Yai denied he was perjurying, and said the evidence he gave was the same as the statement he made to the police.

After the jury, comprising five men and two women, had returned an unanimous verdict, and sentence was passed, Mr. Hooton applied for a copy of the Court records as proceedings for perjury might be taken against the defence witness Fung Yai.

Gold Bars Confiscated

Gold bars, weighing 37 taels and valued at approximately HK\$11,840, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when the owner, Cheong Ching-mok, 44-year-old merchant, failed to answer the charge of exporting gold without a permit.

The bullion was seized at Kai Tak airport on Saturday morning as a Formosan, said to be accused, was about to board a plane for Taiwan.

Accused's bail of \$100 was also ordered to be forfeited. Revenue Officer D. H. Knox appeared for the Imports and Exports Department.

OUTLAWING JAPANESE COMMUNISM

Tokyo, August 23. Japanese political observers today predicted that the Government would introduce a bill outlawing Communism at the next session of the Diet.

The Prime Minister said yesterday that he had "something very important" to submit to the forthcoming Diet session, but refused to elaborate.

Most newspapers interpreted this as a reference to the Prime Minister's known concern at increasing Communist activities. Many Cabinet ministers have expressed the opinion that the Communist Party is obstructing the work of national reconstruction.

—Reuter.

Rome, August 22. Miss Victoria Quirino, daughter of the Philippines' President, accompanied by Judge Antonio Quirino, the President's brother, and the Judge's wife, Aloli, arrived here on Sunday from Spain. They are on a tour of Europe.

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Undecided On Charge

The Hong Kong authorities have made no move to have the suspect, alleged to be involved in the Catalina flying-boat crash, tried in the Colony's courts, the "China Mail" learned from an authentic source last night.

The man is still detained in Macao by the Portuguese authorities. He has recovered from the injuries suffered in the crash.

Unconfirmed reports from Macao said that the Portuguese authorities are still undecided on the charge to be preferred against the suspect.

"Amazing" Said The Magistrate

Wong Yan, a 58-year-old unemployed man, made CNY\$41,500,000 and HK\$500 by soliciting subscriptions for the "Three Princes" temple.

After canvassing the shops at Tam Shuk (Chinese territory), he crossed over to British territory and landed into trouble at Salikung when he was seen by a Chinese detective.

The detective kept him under observation, and after seeing him collecting from four different shops at Main Road on Saturday, questioned him.

Wong said that he was collecting for the "Three Princes" temple at Tam Shuk and produced a subscription book which showed that he collected CNY\$41,500,000 at Tam Shuk and HK\$500 before he went to Salikung. At Salikung he collected HK\$15.

"Amazing," said the magistrate, agreeing with the bench, Sub-Inspector W. Gillies said that defendant was simply collecting for his own benefit, at the time of his arrest, he had only HK\$10.00 in his possession.

Wong, charged before Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday on four counts of obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to be expelled.

NAZI HANGED

Warsaw, August 22. Doctor Joseph Buchler, 44, Chief of Administration under the Nazi wartime regime in Poland, has been hanged at Krakow for war crimes. He was convicted on July 10 of engineering the killing of more than 2,000,000 Jews and deportation of almost 2,000,000 Poles—Associated Press.

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Coxswains Fined Heavily

Heavy fines were imposed on two coxswains for carrying excess passengers and not having the necessary life-saving and fire-fighting appliances, the Marine Court yesterday.

In Bau, coxswain of the Texas Company's launch, Calico No. 35, was fined \$250 for carrying 127 persons more than permitted. He was allowed to carry only 48 persons. Mr. H. E. Phillips, manager of the company's sub-station at Tsun Wan, told the Court that because of a strike at the company's plant there was not sufficient transport. To take the workers to the plant by road would take about five or six hours of travelling. Steps would be taken to improve the accommodation of the launch, he said.

For not having adequate apparatus for life-saving and fire-fighting, Ho Muk-shing, 38-year-old coxswain of the launch Shing Lee, was fined \$200 or two months' imprisonment. Defendant was arrested on August 22 off North Point. He had two empty fire extinguishers and three lifeboats, instead of the required 10.

Two boat masters were fined \$100 and \$75 for conveying prostitutes. Chan Sing, fined \$100 or one month's imprisonment, told the Court that he did not know the women he carried from the steamer Empire. Farrer were prostitutes. He did not make any inquiry.

Police stopped the boat at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday and found five women who admitted they were prostitutes. Leung Chuen, who pleaded that he had to make a living and accepted to carry 10 prostitutes to the steamer Ming Hai, was fined \$75. Charged with aiding and abetting Leung Chuen, Chan Chi-kin, 27-year-old coxswain of the launch Wing Fu, was cautioned.

Chan said that he was hired to tow the sampan by Leung Chuen and that he did not know anything about the passengers in the sampan. As the case was the first to be heard before him, Mr. Cairns cautioned the defendant.

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A distinguished group of travellers, including famous diplomats, businessmen and military figures from all over the world, have joined a unique and exclusive club—the International Date Line Club.

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Since the formation of the club, some of the most prominent men and women in the Far East as well as in the United States and Europe have joined the IDLC. They include General Claire Chennault, a member of the Rockefeller family, and the present head of the Korean Government. The Orient Route was inaugurated by the NWA more than a year ago.

Privileges Of Trade Commissioners

A Bill to provide a single Ordinance under which remission of taxes, duties or fees may be granted, when a person is entitled to such treatment by reason of his status in a trade, to be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow. The Bill will be known as the Trade Commissioners' Privileges Ordinance, 1948.

At the same meeting, the recently amended Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1925, will be presented for approval.

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance of 1921 will be read for the first time.

TRIAL FOR DESTROYING MANILA

Manila, August 22. It is officially announced that Lt.-Gen. Shikawa Yokoyama, allegedly responsible for the destruction of Manila, as well as for tortures and killings in February 1945, will be tried soon by a Military Commission.

Yokoyama took over command of the Japanese forces in the Manila area after the late Gen. Yuki Yamashita went to Bangkok in January 1945. Yokoyama is facing 50 counts—United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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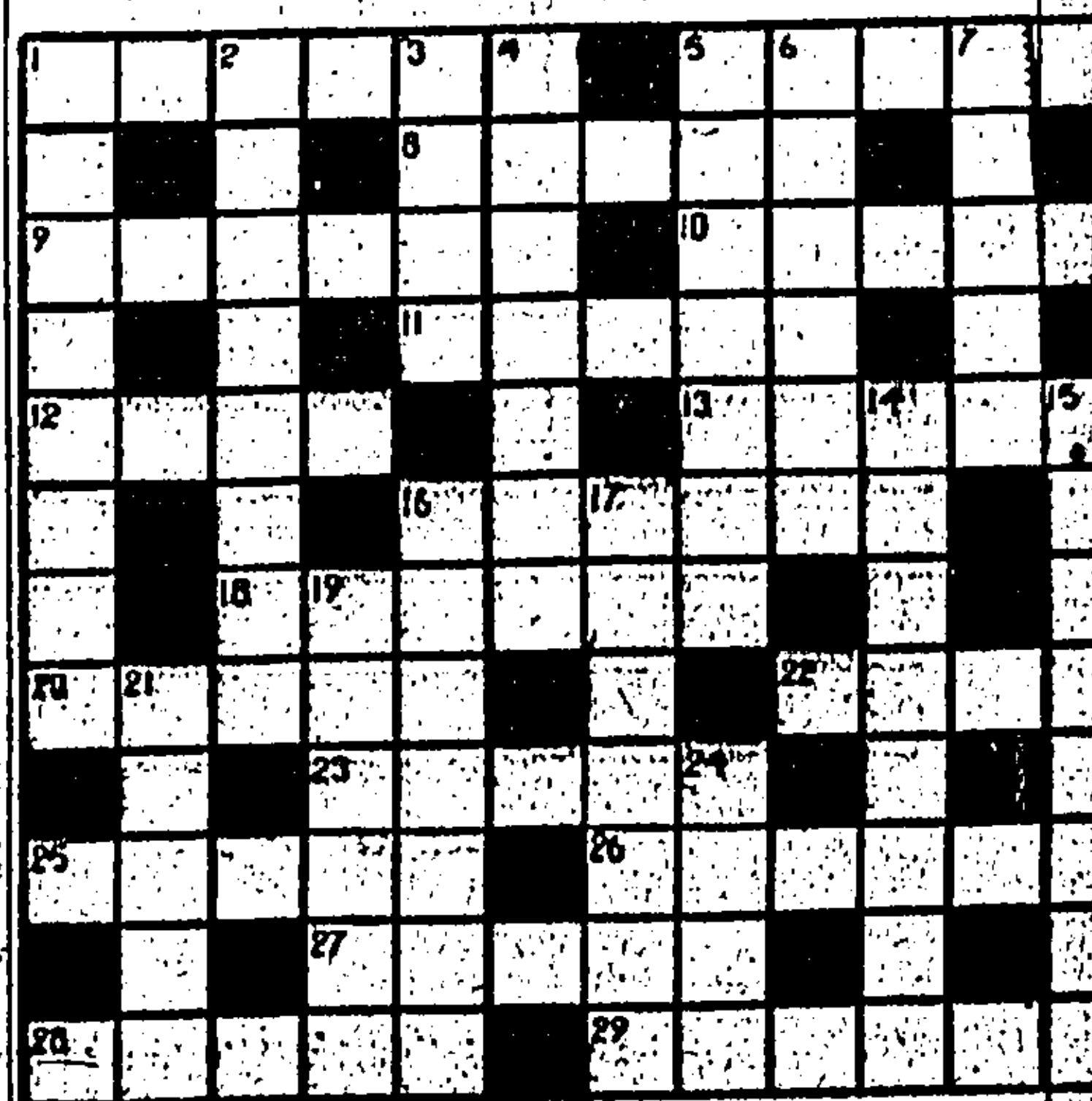
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D 10 7 2
C J-10 3 2
S Q J 10 N S 8 7 4
6 H 7 6 2
U Q J 9 5 W E D 9 8 4
C B Q 8 3 S C K 9 7 5

South scored his spade K, the led 9 to West. The latter took in his fourth spade but then led into the third suit. He selected the diamond 3, holding East had the J, but South did, and so made his game, that was the ninth trick established for him.

YOUR NEXT QUESTION

You won't often find a hand that illustrates three stages of a principle as does West's on this rubber deal. It is clear that his spade suit can be led without developing an honour into a trick winner for the declarer, but to

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Clues Across

1 Hang. 18 Conspire.
2 Oliver. 20 View.
3 Measuring device. 21 Dross.
4 Sell. 22 Discourage.
5 In spite. 23 Wooden shoe.
6 Bowline. 24 Evaporate.
7 Skiff. 25 Condense.
8 Whiff. 26 As no time.
9 Whiff. 27 Requested.
10 Tried out. 28 Wakened.

Clues Down

1 Skits. 14 Teaches.
2 Wile. 15 Shivered.
3 Potentate. 16 Handled.
4 Expunged. 17 Slim.
5 Turn aside. 18 Unhappy.
6 Revolution. 19 Cross.
7 Willow. 20 Novice.

Wain 9. Data: 32 Across 33 Gr. Bown. 1. Quire 2. Dolly. Awar. A. Sep. 13. Tills. Help. 11. Tamed. 15. Away. Allen. 10. Sabor. 17. Dated. Hild. 20. Vantage. 22. Open. Opine. 23. Greed. 27. Weak. Swag.

MAN'S DISORDER AND GOD'S DESIGN

World Council Of Churches Meeting

Amid the ringing of "Welcome" peals from the towers of every Protestant Church in Holland, the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches, representing 145 church bodies in 42 countries, opened in Amsterdam's historic Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) this afternoon.

Across the Atlantic, in 10,000 Protestant and Orthodox Churches throughout the United States, bells were also pealing hourly to mark the occasion.

More than 1,200 clerical and lay representatives are attending the 14-day Assembly in Amsterdam, which has its theme, "Man's Disorder and God's Design."

Four out of every five members of the Protestant and Orthodox Churches in the world are directly connected with this mass Occumenical Council by membership of the Churches represented on it.

The Catholic Church is not a member. Soviet Russia has declined an invitation, but Hungarian and Estonian delegates will be present.

The Congress will begin work tomorrow and conclude on September 4. Its final act will be to adopt a message to the Churches of the world as a "clarion call to all Christians."

1,450 Delegates

One of the two speakers at the opening service today in the great New Church here was Dr. John H. Mott, 83-year-old American former General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation and one of the five Presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Mott, a joint Nobel Prize winner in 1946, is a veteran in the Occumenical Movement which has led to the formation of the World Council of Churches, decided upon at a conference in 1927 but postponed because of the war.

The 1,450 delegates made a

formal entry into the Church in a colourful procession. All five Presidents of the World Council were present—Dr. Mott, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thyateira and Upsala, and Dr. Marc Boegner, of France.

The service was cosmopolitan, including well-known hymns sung in a score of languages simultaneously. It was opened by the Dutch Minister of Education, Dr. K. H. C. Gravemeyer. The Archbishop of Canterbury led the congregation in prayers, and the Lessons were read in French and Swedish respectively by Dr. Boegner and the Archbishop of Sweden.

Fateful Moment
Dr. Mott said the Assembly had met at "one of the most fateful moments of the life of the world, not only in point of danger, but also of opportunity."

The second speaker was the Reverend Daniel T. Niles, an evangelist of the Methodist Church of Ceylon, who is Chairman of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and a leader in the World Christian Student Federation. He said: "The world to which we are sent is a world where the Christian faith is dispossessed of its hold on the people."

"It is a world that has sought to destroy the Church, and now has set the Church the task of building peace without providing it with the material either of repentance or of faith."

"Our world seemed to be set for steady progress. The Church was full of the stories of triumphs in many lands. And then, in one year after another, Christendom broke to pieces and hopes lay shattered."

Today, even after the noise of the guns has ceased—and it has not ceased in China, or in Greece, or in Palestine, or in India—chaos remains.

Far Horizons

"However, those whose eyes scan the far horizons speak of the glow of a coming day. But when? The future is our inheritance, and while we do not ask when the final consummation will come, we do seek to know the immediate prospect. To what end is our witnessing?"

"Will it be peace or war? And what must Christians do about it?"

Many answers to this question are possible, but no answer is free which forgets that neither man nor nations nor churches can organize an escape from the consequences of sin except by the way of repentance and an amendment of life.

"We are witnesses to the Negro in the same way as to the white. We are witnesses within the Western democracies as well as in the Eastern republics. We are witnesses among the peoples of all religion and no religion. We are witnesses among the outcast, the refugee, the displaced person... witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The service closed with a Greek prayer and the Blessing by Archbishop Garmos of Thyateira.—Reuter.

Lyons Express Disaster

Paris, August 22. Three persons were killed and about 60 others seriously injured when the Lyons-Strasbourg express collided with a goods train today near L'Isle Sur Le Doubs, between Besancon and Gelfort, Eastern France.

Rail traffic was resumed after a 10-hour delay. The injured passengers were taken to hospitals at Belfort, Héricourt and Mont Bellard. An investigation was immediately opened.—Reuter.

Gale Delays Cunarder

Cobh, Eire, August 22. The Cunard liner Mauretania sailed for New York today after being delayed 24 hours by a storm that prevented her taking on passengers from Ireland.

Because Cork harbour is unsuitable for the ship, she lies 12 miles out to sea and passengers are brought out by tender.

Attempts to take the passengers on board last night were abandoned when heavy seas buffeted the tender and prevented it getting alongside the liner.—Associated Press.

CROCKFORD AND THE ATOM BOMB

London, August 22. Atomic bombs were dropped on Japanese cities because of a Japanese threat to massacre all war prisoners if an invasion of the home islands were attempted, according to an unvarnished report to be published by the 1948 Crockford's Clerical Directory.

The report was discussed in a sermon today by the Rev. Percival Gough, Rector of Acton, West London.

He said circumstances of the decision to use the bomb were revealed in an introductory article in the directory, an Oxford University press publication listing clergy of the Church of England.

The directory editor did not vouch for the accuracy of the report but asked anyone able to provide verification to speak up "to relieve the conscience of the world."

The Rev. Gough quoted the directory as follows: "We have seen it stated that when the Japanese saw that defeat had become inevitable, they informed his Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States through a neutral power that if a landing were attempted on any part of their territory, the prisoners of war in their hands would be massacred to the last man."

"There was no reason to suppose this was an idle threat. Accordingly, the two Governments were faced by an appalling problem. Was there any means by which the war could be brought to an end without landing? Obviously the only possibility was the weapon which science had just placed in their hands."

Time To Speak
"This dilemma was perhaps the most awful which Christian men had ever had to face. The decision was made and the outcome proved successful."

"There must be a few people both here and in America who really know whether this is true or not. We think that the time for them to speak has now come. If it is true we think the latest conscience would be relieved permanently from all scruple and doubtfulness."

The Rev. Gough confessed that he was among those "too shocked to say anything" on hearing of the destruction at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.—Associated Press.

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Jerusalem Problems

FIVE-HOUR ARAB-JEW GET-TOGETHER

Jerusalem, August 22.

Meeting in a monastery in the middle of Jerusalem's uneasy no man's land, Arabs and Jews argued for five hours today on the question of restoring the neutrality of the Arab College and Jewish Agricultural School for girls.

The Jews occupied the two points supposed to be under the control of the Red Cross two days ago.

United Nations observers who arranged the rare meeting today between the belligerents presented them with demands that the Jews first evacuate the buildings within 24 hours and that within 48 hours the Arabs pull back their positions about five-eighths of a mile from the disputed area.

After discussion, the United Nations modified this demand and insisted that the Jews pull out of the buildings first.

The Arabs asked that the Jews also consider the withdrawal of their side to a distance of about 300 yards. The Jewish representative Captain Moshe Dryan of Haganah, said he would have to refer to higher Jewish authorities.

A second meeting tomorrow will present the Jewish decision.

Punctuated!

The whine of rifle bullets and thud of mortar shells were plainly heard throughout the meeting. Lieut. Col. Abdullah Tell Bey, Jerusalem Commander of the Arab Legion and Lieut. Col. Ahmed Bad Aziz, chief of the Egyptian forces in South Jerusalem, proceeded to the conference in an armoured car. At the Damascus Gate, accompanied by UN observers and preceded by a large white flag, they walked the remaining 130 yards to the Catholic Church area.

Jewish and Arab leaders shook hands and began the discussion amicably. Before long, however, they were accusing each other of true violations.

While the talks were in progress, UN observers reported that mortar fire struck a mosque south of the Dome of Rock.

In the Arab Legion headquarters later, Col. Abdullah said he had learned that a UN report had been made that the Jews had violated the truce in their recent occupation of Government House, which is close to the Arab College.—Associated Press.

Axis Sally May Stand Trial

Washington, August 22. Mildred Elizabeth Gillars, who, the Government says, operated as the Nazi radio's wartime "Axis Sally," is being held in the District of Columbia gaol pending investigation on treason charges.

The 47-year-old spinster, a native of Portland, was flown here yesterday from Frankfurt, Germany, and promptly arraigned on a treason charge before the United States Commissioner. She was held without bail.

After a preliminary hearing on August 31, her case will be investigated by a Federal Grand Jury. If she is indicted, she will be brought to trial here.

Miss Gillars maintained stoic calmness on her arrival at Bolling Field near here and at her arraignment. She is charged with giving aid and comfort to the enemy as "Axis Sally" from December 11, 1941, until May 6, 1945, when the European war ended.

The complaint alleged that during those years she did "unlawfully willfully and treasonably adhere to the government of the German Reich, an enemy of the United States."

Miss Gillars told reporters that as far as she knew she had no relatives in this country. She was surprised, but apparently not too interested, when informed that she had a half sister, Edna Mae Henrick, living in Ohio.—United Press.

VAMPIRE DOWN IN RUSSIAN ZONE

Luebeck, August 22. The Royal Air Force recovery unit, which entered the Soviet zone with Russian permission yesterday morning, did not return by 2 p.m. GMT today.

The unit, consisting of several vehicles, had gone to salvage a "Vampire" jet fighter which made a forced landing in the Soviet zone on August 1. It was on a training flight from the RAF base here. Russian sources reported that the pilot Peter Jordan was unhurt and the plane only slightly damaged.—Associated Press.

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RATES OF EXCHANGE

The rates of exchange fixed by the Central Bank of China for the new gold yuan are not without elements of surprise, although it might be urged that on the basis of the cross-rate with New York, the remainder of the figures are realistic. In relation to the sterling area, the gold yuan is given a face value of one shilling and eightpence, which provides a further opportunity for some of Hong Kong's own economists to maul over the classic tradition that parity between the Hong Kong dollar and China's dollar should be the aim of both countries. Most experts in monetary theory will, we imagine, criticise the new rates as too high to be beneficial to China. In a situation where trade between China and overseas markets preserved a sound balance without excessively restrictive controls, some advantage might be gained from setting the levels high. China's economic condition today is such that easier figures could hardly be other than helpful in the task of recovery. Perhaps it is not very vital. The real test is whether rates having been fixed they can be kept there. That is, of course, the question which comes most readily into every discussion about China's currency experiment and the one about which there is most doubt. Unless there is a secret fund, or a secret understanding with say the United States, and the new gold yuan is not required to fight against all the ills which sent National Currency into the "wastepaper basket, it is not easy to see how confidence in the new currency can be well maintained. For that reason alone, a serious mistake may have been made in valuing the H.K. dollar as low as 75 cents in terms of the gold yuan. If HK\$100 can be bought for GY75, the danger of a hoarding of Hong Kong notes in China looms very large. It would be tragic if a necessary reform should be found to fail merely because its promoters fell into the error of aiming too high.

So the British and American Military Governments after the London conference in June suddenly called in all currency on a basis of one new mark for ten old ones. At the same time, there are about six millions of the Deutsche Mark in circulation in Western Germany. Consumer goods are in the shops again, textiles, eggs from the farms, bicycles, typewriters, sewing machines and so on. Motor cars may be purchased without a permit. Trade is coming out of the chaotic conditions of 1947. There is some unemployment, but the people who have been on holiday since 1945 on a roll of worthless Reichsmarks are having to start work again on the bottom rung of the ladder.

They forget Berlin! Sokolovsky was nearly polite in his letters to General Sir Brian Robertson expressing the hope that we would not introduce the Deutsche Mark here. But the Russians wanted entire control of Berlin's currency, so the British and Americans felt obliged to make a separate issue of Deutsche Marks here too, to keep a financial foothold in the city and keep trade with the West going. Sokolovsky replied by sealing the Soviet zone frontiers and applying his blockade.

Land Reforms

Another item from Nanking suggests an effort by the central government to beat the Communists at their own game.

The item refers to a policy that two Central China provinces—Chengkang and Kiangsi—are set to carry out. The policy sets a maximum limit on the extent of an individual's landholdings, and calls for the expropriation of such lands as exceed this limit for resale to Chinese peasants.

The policy is described as mild—in the sense that it is not as drastic as the land seizures instituted by the Communist government in territories that fall into their hands. China's Reds draw their main strength from widespread mass support, which in turn owes not a little of its power to the tensions released by legitimate grievances against the status quo. This power is further sparked by the Communist policy of immediately farming out the land to politically acceptable peasants in areas that the Reds manage to slice off nationalist positions.

A Legislative Yuan member only recently suggested the redistribution of lands

What Is Happening To The New Mark?

THE GREAT CHESS GAME IN BERLIN

A month ago a crisp new mark printed in Washington was issued in Western Germany. That new money is costing Britain £6,000 a day in air operations to Berlin. Currency reform has been forgotten in the great chess game between East and West. This is how it came about.

For three years the Russians and the Western Allies wrangled about currency reform. Sometimes they were near agreement, but the Americans were suspicious that the Soviet Military Government would overprint its issue, cause inflation and work like a leech on West German production. After the failure of the Council of Foreign Ministers in London on December 15, the Western Allies decided to proceed with currency reform themselves in the Western zones. It was no use sharing a financial measure with the Russians while they persisted in keeping their economic system separate from that of the Western zones of Germany.

The idea of the British and American financial experts was to shift the decimal point in German note circulation. It had risen from about six milliards of Reichsmarks in 1930 to 75,000,000,000 in 1947, while national wealth had diminished by a third. Besides, the Russians had captured about 10,000,000,000 of these Reichsmarks in the vaults of Eastern German banks. If Marshall aid began to fill the shops of Western Germany it would be hard to prevent Russian buyers emptying the shelves with worthless Nazi currency. Every now and then on the zonal frontier a commercial traveller was caught going west with a suitcase containing perhaps half a million marks.

Six Millions
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US INVESTMENT IN BRITISH COLONIES

London, August 22.

Partnership between the United States and the British Empire for the exploitation of raw materials in British colonies vitally needed for American war industries, will be discussed in talks between the British Government and Marshall aid experts beginning tomorrow.

British Treasury and Colonial Office officials will present plans for utilising the vast resources of the British overseas territories.

On the American side, proposals for dollar investments on a large scale, to speed up production are expected. British sources here are even willing to talk of U.S. financial partnership in the empire over a long period until American needs are satisfied.

It is believed here that the despatch of strong military reinforcements to Malaya to clear the tin, mining and rubber areas from the menace of Communist bands, is linked with plans to protect and exploit war material resources for joint U.S. and British needs.

The stockpiling of European controlled war materials for the American war industries is the only tangible return which the United States is receiving for Marshall aid. In the case of Great Britain, £15,000,000—five per cent of the current Marshall Aid to this country—has been set aside for the year to cover payment for the material, but this figure will be far exceeded in a revised scheme which is expected to evolve from the talks.

In addition to Great Britain, and the British colonies, France, and the Netherlands are also being sounded to discover what their colonies can supply. As uranium is another vitally needed war potential and the Belgian

annexed by the Kuomintang during the revolution. Described as "startling", the suggestion has probably gone by the board, but it indicates, together with policies that the two Central China provinces intend to implement, a growing awareness of the basic problem that Sun Yat-sen had tried to resolve until his death in 1925.

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One Criticism
In Berlin the difficulty is to keep these crisp American-printed notes in circulation. Everybody is scrambling to get them and hoard them. Bad money,

By IAN COLVIN

they say, drives out good. The Soviet mark, which is the old Reichsmark surcharged with a stamp, is everywhere. The British, Americans and French had long conferences with the City council and the burgomasters as to how many Deutsche Marks they would pay to circulation in Berlin. Eventually, they decided to pay 25 per cent of wages in Deutsche Mark and 75 per cent in the Soviet mark. We took precaution of overprinting the marks issued in Berlin with a B, so that these marks cannot be used by the Soviet Military

OR YOU JUST SWEAR

London, August 21.
You could see after a quick tour of London at noon today that there is not a good cigarette to be had in this huge metropolis.

Or you just swear.
Irritatingly about every other person out on his lunch hour has a butt dangling from his lips. You try a dozen more tobacco shops at scattered points through London. Most have the standard sign reading: "Sorry, no cigarettes."

One tobaccoist shed nicotine and posted a blunt one-word sign: "No!"
You continue your relentless hunt, ducking cigarette butts tossed off holders as the lunch crowd returns to work. The great truth dawns. An acute cigarette famine has "supersaturated" under the title "regular customers only."

Nearly everybody belongs but to outsiders cold to the British situation it is one of the most select societies in the world.

Here is how the vicious system works:
You grit your teeth, soothe your jangled nerves with a rationed chewing gum and walk into the twenty-seventh tobacco shop of your frustrating tour.
"No cigarette" signs mock at you, but this time there is a queue. May be something doing. The guy next to you says: "I overslept this morning and lost out. Yesterday I got up at five and cadged 10 smokes in this shop."

One Left
The queue fades away before you. Only one man is left before the counter. He glances with British efficiency at you and waits. If here were America he would say "the hell out of here." He just waits.

The proprietor, a bubbly middle-aged man, grows restive. They both realise finally you are not going to budge.

An amazing thing happens—a sleight of hand that would turn Thurston Green. A flash of colour which might be a pack of 20 cigarettes and it is over.
Satisfied, the customer departs. You smile your best, as Dale Carnegie taught, and confidently ask for smokes. The proprietor grows tumbler and leier. He forces a smile, repeats the words of his sign and becomes another member of what in fact is becoming a nation of "white lars."

Dollar shortages caused a cigarette famine. Now with cigarettes at an unprecedented price you still cannot buy them. An American named Marshall once said his country needed a good five-cent cigar. The Marshall Plan in Britain so far has produced only bad and scarce cigarettes priced at nearly five cents.—United Press.

SINGAPORE'S HUGE HOUSING PROJECTS

Singapore, August 23.
The creation of eight satellite towns of 50,000 inhabitants each in the suburbs of Singapore City is recommended in the report of the Singapore Housing Committee. It is a scheme to take 20 years, and estimated to cost about £25,000,000.

The report also recommends for short-term policy an immediate three-year housing plan, costing about £3,700,000, to build 2,504 flats, 602 tenements, 1,170 artisan quarters and 265 shops. These would be able to house 25,700 persons.
The report is at present being considered by the Singapore Legislative Council.
The SHC scheme provides for a huge slum clearing programme. The Committee said that at the present rate of progress, the Singapore slums will not be cleared for centuries, if ever.
It adds that Singapore is suffering from the disease known as "slumitis."
"A chaotic and unwieldy megapolis has been created, as in other countries, by haphazard and unplanned growth."
The report commends obtaining the services of Sir Patrick Abercrombie, "the British town and country planning expert. Sir Patrick recently visited Hong Kong to give his advice and is going to Colombo on a similar mission.—Reuter.

POWER POLITICS IN THE MED

London, August 21.

The Big Four Power squabble over the world's largest desert—former Italian colonies in North Africa—is the result of the desire for strategic control of that vital side of the Mediterranean.

The Big Four Foreign Minister deputies are discussing the issue here and probably will report disagreement to their chiefs next week, whereupon the Foreign Ministers must refer the problem to the United Nations Assembly in Paris this autumn.

BY HORSEY McMILLAN

Once described by Mussolini as a "collection of desert wastes and lands over which the Italians flew, North Africa is now eagerly coveted by many nations—especially Britain—for many reasons. Actual acquisition was not covered so much as power to determine which side of the world war they will be on for strategic purposes.

The British interest in the area which is larger than India is based on the question of balance of power in the Mediterranean. They also promised some Arabs there never to hand them back to the Italians.

The Strategy

Russia and France want to turn the colonies back to Italy under United Nations trusteeship. Russia wants to get rid of British influence in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Josef Stalin realises that from a strategic point of view, landing grounds in North Africa, notably the vast desert airfield of El Adem just a few miles south of Italy's former desert. Verdun citadel and the harbour of Tobruk, could play a vital role in the use of air power in any future war.

The knowledge of strategic importance of such air bases—and there is no limit to the number which can be rapidly built in the out of the desert wastes along the Mediterranean coastal strip—is undoubtedly a major issue which various powers have in mind.

BERNADOTTE GIVES UP CONFERENCE IDEA

Stockholm, August 22.

Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Palestine mediator, announced today that he will submit a full report on Palestine to the United Nations General Assembly when it meets in Paris.

He said that in the meantime there will be no attempts at a peace conference between him and the Jews and Arabs as it seems there is no common ground for agreement between the two sides.

The mediator will also report fully on the situation of Jerusalem and present suggestions for its future status.

The Holy City is the greatest bone of contention between the Arabs and the Jews and perhaps the thorniest point that the United Nations will have to tackle.

There are several alternative solutions the Assembly can discuss. It will be up to them to decide which solution they will want for Palestine.

None of these solutions will be accepted by either the Arabs or the Jews, but Count Bernadotte is reported to feel that both sides will submit to a solution agreed to by a majority of the world's nations.

When the Security Council proposed a mediator to find a peaceful settlement of the Palestine problem, it thought that after a few weeks of negotiations the two sides would calmly agree to his findings. The most realistically minded observers believe that any solution to the problem will have to be imposed.

The Arabs and the Jews may not actually oppose solution by force, but they will not readily agree to it. The solution will have to be accompanied by threats of sanctions against what ever side rejects it and the two sides will be obliged to submit to world pressure.—United Press.



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Tension In No Man's Land Area Of Berlin

Berlin, August 22.
A Soviet military patrol forcibly arrested a key American Military Government official today in Berlin's "no man's land".

Decisive Meeting In Moscow

Moscow, August 22.
The United States Ambassador, Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, and the envoys of Britain and France met for two hours today. It was understood they were ready for the sixth and perhaps decisive meeting with Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Bartering supplies, however, the next meeting is not expected to take place until Monday, exactly one week after the last three-hour 40-minute session at the Kremlin.

The delay since the last meeting with Mr. Molotov is believed to have been caused by minor disagreements among the three Western powers and by the necessity for exchanging numerous messages among the three Western capitals. Informed sources said the hard core of East-West differences was reached during the last meeting with Mr. Molotov.

They added that the conference was proceeding efficiently because of the extraordinary secrecy surrounding it.—United Press.

LITTLE FEAR OF WAR IN PALESTINE

Tel-Aviv, August 22.
The diplomatic correspondent for the Palestine Post wrote from Hakiya today that there appeared to be little ground for belief that war in Palestine would be resumed on a large scale in the near future.

The paper said any Jewish military action during the present truce could only be expected after "very serious Arab provocation."

Alleged Jewish Atrocities

Cairo, August 22.
The Arab League in a "strongly worded" note has asked Count Folke Bernadotte to investigate several cases of alleged Jewish atrocities in Palestine, a League source told The Associated Press today.

The informant said that among the charges was one that Arab girls from Acre were allegedly abducted by Zionists, "brought to Tel Aviv, marked on the forehead and exhibited naked and prostituted."

Another, he said, was that at Salwan village, Zionists allegedly ran tanks over Arab children, crushing them in the presence of their parents.—Associated Press.

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While his wife and two children looked helplessly on, Russian soldiers carrying Tommy guns, dragged the former New York journalist, Mr. Thomas Headen, into their jeep and carried him off to Soviet Headquarters.

Mr. Headen had stepped off the pavement on the British side of strife-ridden Potsdamer Platz, where the British, Soviet and American sectors meet, in central Berlin, when the arrest took place.

The whole square has been a "no man's land" for East and West since several hundred German soldiers stoned Soviet-controlled German police there last week in a riot in which four persons were shot.

Increasing Soviet hostility in the struggle to force the West to renounce power from Berlin, coupled with renewed Soviet press attacks on Western powers, were taken as indications here that Soviet authorities in Germany do not expect any settlement to come out of the present big four conferences in Moscow.

The arrest of Mr. Headen, who is Deputy Chief of the U.S. Military Government Information Control Division, was another incident in a series which has had armed British, American and Soviet troops facing one another over the city's ruins.

Took Photographs
Mr. Headen's wife said her husband and two children were visiting Potsdamer Platz "out of curiosity."

Mr. Headen, after taking several snapshots from the British side of the square, stepped off the pavement and walked a few yards into the square itself.

According to British military police, he was standing close to two other persons taking pictures, although his own camera was folded up. A Soviet jeep swept into the square. The two other photographers ran away.

"He did not run because he was afraid they would shoot," Mr. Headen's wife said.

The Russians dragged the protesting official into their jeep and drove off.

"It was horrible," Mrs. Headen said. "We could not do anything."

American military police liaison officers, notified of the arrest, started working to get Mr. Headen released.

Without Charges
Usually, in such arrests, the Russians hold the person anywhere from three hours to three days without charges. They are usually released after continued American pressure through the city's liaison section.

However, two Americans arrested on the border of the Soviet-U.S. zone in Germany have been held for more than 10 days.

Present tension in Berlin started when Soviet-controlled police started raiding Western sectors of the city, repeatedly kidnapping Western sector German police and dragging them into the Soviet sector.

Soviet soldiers backed the Soviet zone German police when hundreds of Germans stoned the German police who were trying to raid Potsdamer Platz for black marketeers.

The British and American Military Government installed armed patrols to repel these raiders, turning Potsdamer Platz into a "no man's land" with barbed wire barricades.

Police Chief Arrested
Late today the chief of the Soviet-controlled criminal police, Franz Erdmann, was arrested by British sector police at the Olympic Stadium while watching a boxing match.

It was not immediately known whether the arrest was a retaliatory measure for the Soviet abduction of Western sector police.

It was believed Mr. Headen was arrested because he carried a camera. The Russians have been arresting everyone carrying a camera they could lay hands upon.—Associated Press.

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US Incomes Still Soar

Washington, August 22.
Individual incomes in the United States soared to the record breaking total of US\$1,000,000,000 in 1947, the United States Commerce Department said tonight.

The figure amounts to US\$1,323 for every man, woman and child in the nation. It is a nine per cent increase over the 1946 per capita income and 25 per cent over the war-time peak year of 1944.—Associated Press.

RAIDERS MURDER PRIEST

Springgar, August 22.
Raiders killed the Lama of Ganskar Padam Monastery, one of the biggest in the Ladakh Valley in Kashmir, after carrying him off to their headquarters at Kargil, according to the latest reports from Loh, the chief city of the Ladakh Valley.

The Lama was publicly shot after the raiders had failed to win him over, the reports said.

The Ladakh district lies in southeastern Kashmir. Loh, the chief city of the Ladakh Valley, stands near the upper waters of the Indus, some 75 miles west of the Tibetan border.

Kargil is roughly 90 miles northwest of Leh and the same distance northwest of Springgar.

According to Kashmir Government estimates, based on first hand information, the raiders have put to the sword about 100 Buddhists in the Ladakh Valley, desecrated and sacked Ringbon Gompa, the second biggest monastery in the district, and looted and destroyed several other monasteries.

They were said to have removed statues of the Buddha studded with precious stones, and priceless tapestries from those monasteries. The raiders were now concentrating on monasteries in the Nubra Valley, northwest of Leh.—Reuter.

MECHANISATION

Paris, August 22.
The French Minister of Agriculture announced today that several millions of francs would be used in the next few months to improve equipment in the agricultural machinery and fertilizer industries.

He appealed in a broadcast to farmers to keep prices at a reasonable level to avoid fresh inflation of the franc.—Reuter.

STALIN EXPECTED TO SEE ENVOYS

London, August 22.
Marshal Joseph Stalin is likely to receive the three Western envoys very soon, according to a French Foreign Office spokesman in Paris tonight.

The spokesman added that the interview—expected to be a crucial one in the attempt to solve the West-East deadlock over the German problem—might take place tomorrow, or even tonight.

In Berlin, meanwhile, the rift between the Soviet Zone and Western Sectors police forces reached a new climax today with the arrest of Herr Franz Erdmann, Chief of the Russian Sector CID.

Here Erdmann was arrested by Western Sector police this afternoon while watching a boxing match in the British Sector, according to the Soviet-licensed German News Agency.

A British spokesman was not yet available to state the charges against Herr Erdmann. Mr. Johannes Stumm, Western police president, threatened three weeks ago to arrest Herr Erdmann on charges of kidnapping several Western Sector policemen at the time of the East-West split in the control of Berlin's police.

Food Stocks

As the world awaited news from Moscow whether Russia and the Western powers would be able to come to an understanding on the Berlin issue, General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, stated today that food stocks in the Western Sectors of the German capital were on the average sufficient for 35 days.

He made this statement in his fortnightly report published today.

A British Military Government spokesman also expressed optimism on the future food outlook, stating that the situation today compared favourably to the one existing immediately after the Soviet blockade of Berlin began.

In the Bizonal area, the August ration for normal consumers has been raised to 1,830 calories, and September rations for normal consumers would be slightly higher, General Clay's report said.

Harvest Prospects

Harvest prospects in the Bizonal area are good and crops of rye and wheat should be about 30 per cent higher than in 1947.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced in Berlin tonight that Western Sector Berliners who want to register their ration cards in the Soviet Sector will not be given Western Sector ration cards in future.

A British food official declared that the Western Sector cards might find their way into wrong hands. He added "the order does not alter the British Military Government's policy of not preventing any inhabitant of the Western Sectors from drawing his rations in the Soviet Sector, if he so wishes."—Reuter.

Albania Puts Complaint In

London, August 22.
Radio Tirana reports that Albania has protested to the United Nations about frontier violations and "nonstop provocations" by Greece.

A telegram from the Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Kapa, to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, gives a total of 19 Greek soldiers killed in skirmishes on Albanian and Greek forces. It alleges that five incursions were made by Greek troops into Albania.

"These provocative acts demonstrate the aggressive and warlike intentions of the Greeks and their desire to maintain on the Albanian border a situation detrimental to peace, and to create trouble in the Balkans in violation of the high principles of the United Nations."

"These provocative acts also infringe world peace and security."

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, announced in Athens last night that Greece is lodging a strong protest to the United Nations against Albania, charging her with having allowed General Markos' guerrillas to regroup on Albanian soil after being defeated in the Grammos operations.—Reuter.

COLD WAR STRATEGY

London, August 22.
Pravda asserted today that the United States State Department is encouraging a campaign against Soviet citizens in the U.S. to cover up the failure of foreign policy.

Pravda said: "The strategy of the cold war literally rages in the U.S. The anti-Soviet campaign... is accompanied by unprecedented provocations against Soviet citizens on the part of white guard terrorist centres, which act on the direct orders of the American security and other American Government organs."

"Matters have reached the point which act on the direct orders of the American police, which do not shrink from direct violation of the legal rights and privileges of the Soviet consular representation in New York, are encouraged and protected by the U.S. State Department."—Associated Press.

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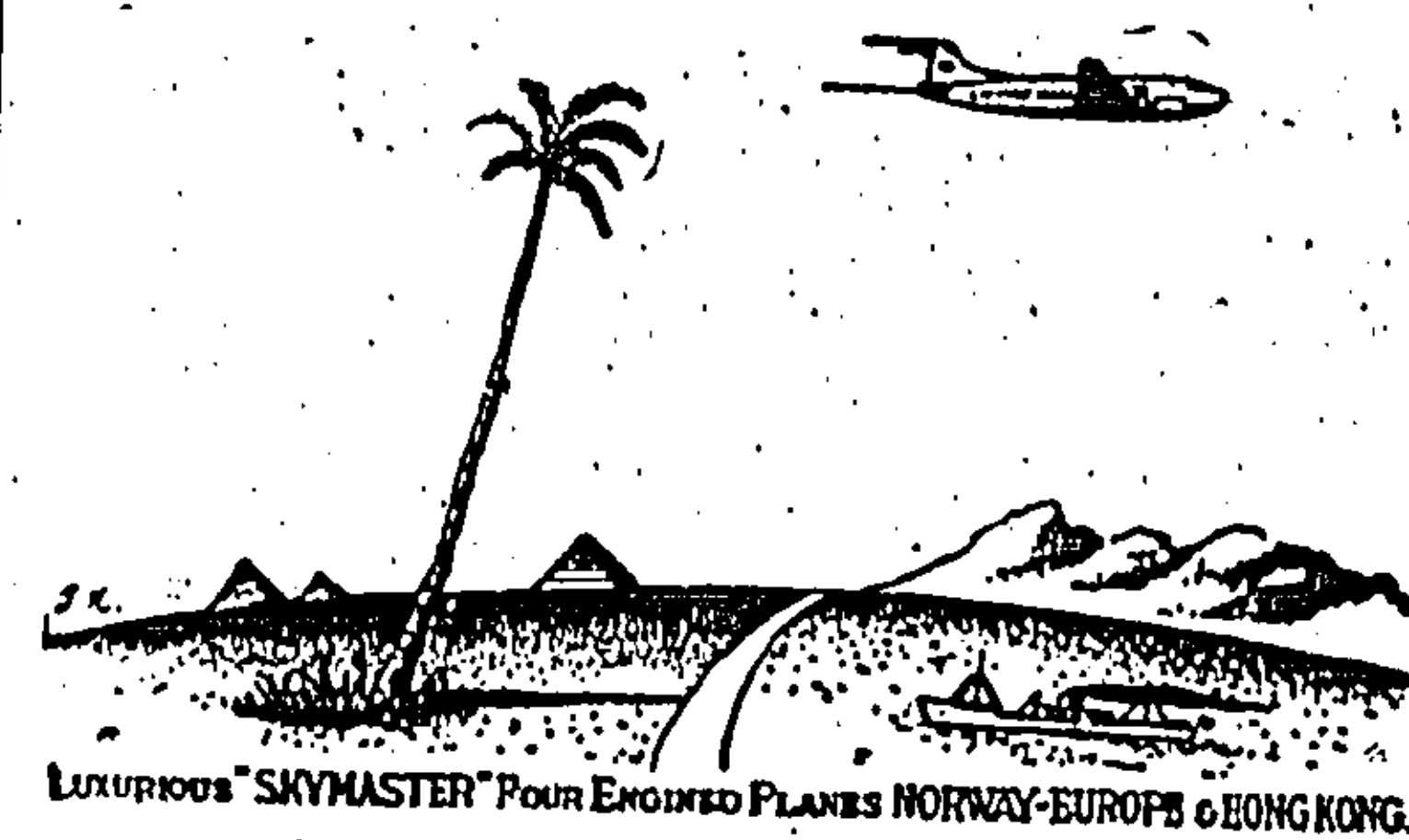
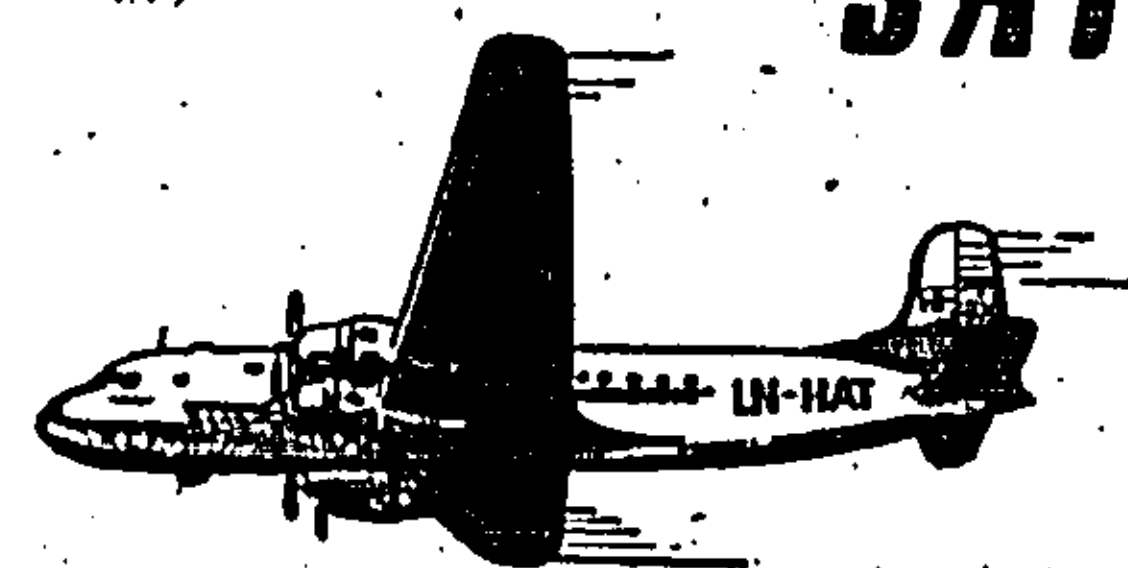
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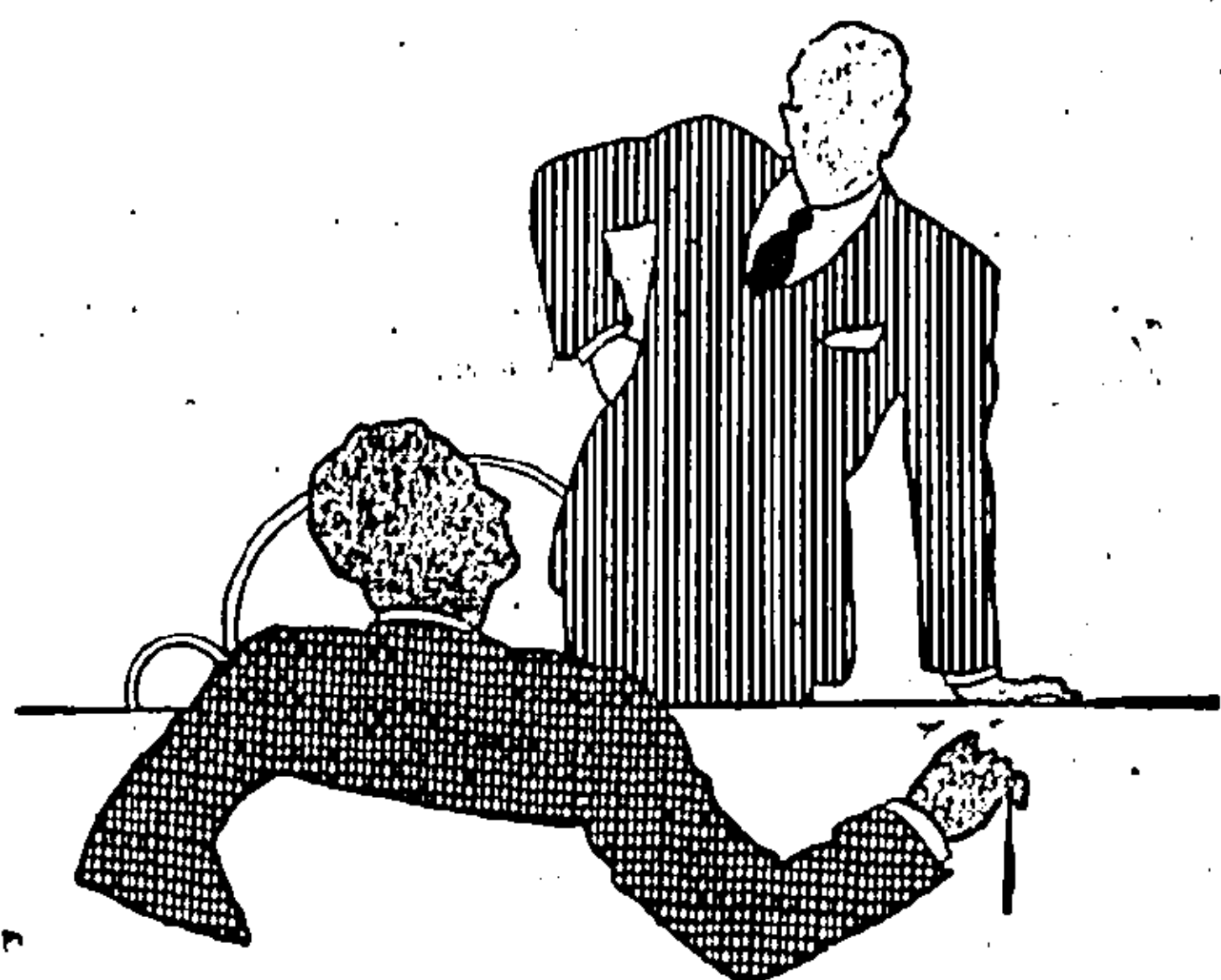
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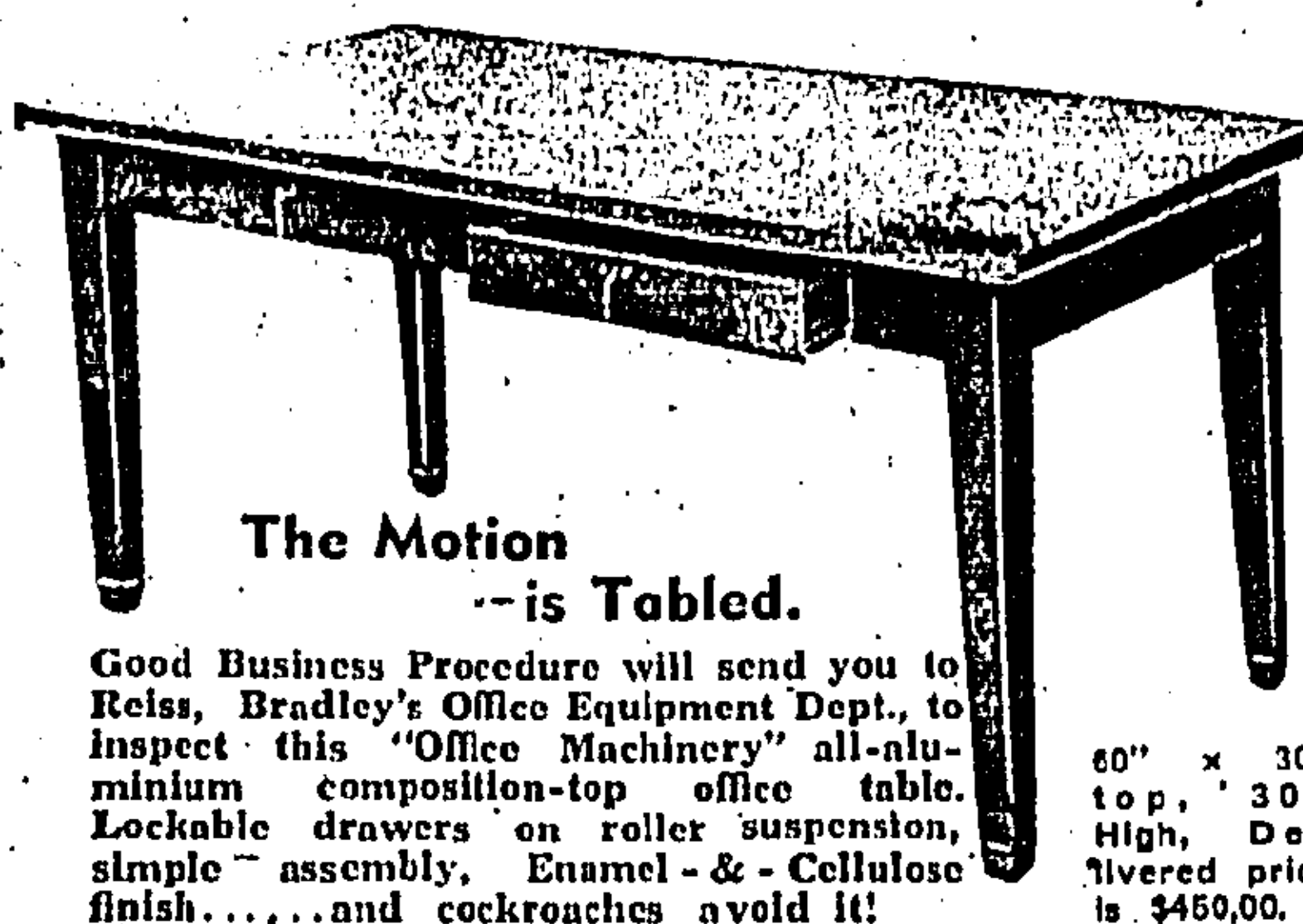
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SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA: MORE STRINGENT REGULATIONS

London, August 22.

Greatly increased radio aids, more stringent safety requirements, and the installation in all large ships of direction finding apparatus, form the main points of the new Convention drawn up at the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, held in London from April 23 to June 10.

The Convention is to come into force on January 1, 1951, provided that, a year before that date, the 15 nations—seven of them with not less than 1,000,000 tons of shipping—have accepted it.

The Convention recommends more comprehensive requirements with regard to structural fire protection and fire fighting equipment in passenger ships, and lays down that fire fighting appliances shall be applied not only to passenger ships, but also to cargo ships of 500 gross tons.

These will be inspected every two years. Passenger ships with international voyage certificates must not travel more than 600 miles, or, in special cases, 1,200 miles, and then only subject to special conditions.

Every ship must carry a life boat or boats fitted with radio, use in the lifeboats. All passenger ships and cargo ships over 1,600 gross tons must carry at least one motorboat or, a mechanically propelled lifeboat.

In future a continuous radio watch on the distress frequency,

either by an operator or by anti-alarm, must be maintained by all ships over 1,000 gross tons.

All cargo ships of between 500 and 1,600 gross tons must be fitted with wireless. All vessels over 1,600 tons must carry direction finding apparatus.

The Conference recommended that radio should be carried by coasting ships and fishing vessels on voyages in the open sea. —Reuter.

LOMAKIN WARNED

Washington, August 22.

Mr. Jacob Lomakin, Soviet Consul General in New York, faces deportation if he refuses or ignores the United States order to leave the country immediately.

His expulsion was ordered by President Truman for "highly improper" conduct in the case of the three Soviet school teachers who renounced Russian Communism for a haven in the United States.

Mr. Lomakin has said nothing about his plans and, at last reports, was in seclusion with his family. There has been considerable speculation that he would refuse to return to Russia because of possible "discipline" by the Soviet Government for bungling the teacher case.

Passage has been booked in his name aboard the Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, sailing on Saturday from New York, but Vice-Consul Zol Chepurnykh indicated that Lomakin may not be aboard.

"I think he is going to stay," Chepurnykh told newsmen yesterday. The State Department would not comment officially but officials let it be known that Mr. Lomakin definitely would leave either voluntarily or by force.

Michael Medermott, the Department's Press Officer, said any questions about its attitude of Lomakin refuses to leave were "hypothetical" and could not be answered. But other officials said it was not up to Mr. Lomakin to decide. If he should refuse to leave his visa would be revoked and he would be deported anyway. —United Press.

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West Java Bandit Outrage

Batavia, August 22.

A bandit gang—between 20 and 30 strong—attacked and derailed a goods train near Poerwakarta in West Java last night, killing five out of the train's all-Indonesian crew of 26.

Seven of the crew and the guard were wounded and the other 13 are missing. The bandits tore up 60 yards of track. The train's two engines, a tender and a wagon, toppled over into a gorge.

Railway workers are sent from Bandung today to repair the damage, which was estimated at three million guilders. —Reuter.

POLITICS BEGINNING

New York, August 22.

Mr. Henry Wallace today charged President Truman and the Missouri Democrats with trying to steal the State's election in November.

The Third Party Presidential candidate charged that the ruling yesterday by the Missouri Secretary of State Mr. Edgar Nelson, that the Progressive Party is not entitled to a place in the Missouri ballot, "is a bold-faced effort to steal the Missouri election."

Mr. Wallace said: "I warn Mr. Truman the people of his State are in no mood to tolerate any more stolen elections."

He said Mr. Nelson also had announced that the Democratic State primary vote exceeded the Republican primary vote by only 18,000.

"Obviously Pendergast (former Kansas City Democratic political boss) and Truman are frightened by the sweeping support which the Progressive Party is winning among the hundreds of thousands of Republicans, Democrats and Independent voters. It is significant that the Secretary of State waited until it became obvious that our drive was going over the top before he ruled us off the ballot." —United Press.

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HUXLEY URGES YOGA INVESTIGATION

London, August 22.

Julian Huxley believes western science should study Yoga to see what it holds for all mankind.

The Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation told the New World Federation for Mental Health it might well look into the mystic lore of the East.

If this lore could be investigated scientifically, he advised mental specialists, "then I think an immense step forward could be made in your field."

"We know that certain people, if given the time and energy to do it, can train themselves to do very remarkable things," he explained in an interview later.

"Certain people can go into a trance. Certain people can control their breathing. Certain people can gradually arrive at a state of mystical exaltation."

"So far the physiology of what has never been investigated. What happens? How is it possible?"

He said the best way to find out probably would be for a group of young scientists to turn themselves into guinea pigs, learn the Oriental techniques and then investigate one another.

They might find, he went on, that only certain types of people could master these techniques, or they might find that everybody could.

Dr. Huxley spoke at the first mental health assembly of the Federation, formed during the International Congress on Mental Health, which closed yesterday.

Dr. Lawrence Frank told a closing session of the congress to quit worrying about the world situation. It is just the birth pains of "the new way of life," he said.

Dr. Frank, Director of the Carline Zachry Institute of Human Development in New York City, said present-day conflicts between parties and countries are just signs of "resistance to long overdue changes in society" and "failure to recognise and accept the new way of life."

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Woman Questioned In Red Hunt

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Alger Hiss, wife of a former
State Department official ac-
cused of belonging to a pre-
war Communist under-
ground.

They have decided against
publication of her testimony and
will not bring her to the witness
stand at the open hearing.

"We have heard Mrs. Hiss and
there is absolutely no comment
on her testimony," said Repre-
sentative Richard M. Nixon,
member of the House Un-Ameri-
can Activities Committee. Hiss
was brought into the spy hearings
by Whittaker Chambers, reform-
ed Communist and now senior
editor of "Time" magazine.

He named Hiss as a member of
a secret group of "elite" Com-
munists. Hiss has denied the
charges but unlike Chambers, he
has declined to take the lie de-
tector test, at least for the time
being.

Chambers said that Mrs. Hiss
shared her husband's double life
as top State Department official
and underground Communist.
The Committee hoped to check
part of the magazine editor's
story through her testimony. Hiss
has admitted that he knew Cham-
bers in 1934 and 1935 and that
for a short period the two
families lived together in one
apartment. But he insists he
knew him only as a free lance
writer named "George Crosley."

—United Press.

Novel Rally In London

London, August 22.
A former British naval lieuten-
ant, Mr. O. A. Denly, who
once crossed the Alps in his
invalid chair, led today a pro-
cession at a rally in Richmond
Park, near London—probably
the first rally of the kind in the
world.

One party had travelled 273
miles on their tricycles from the
North of England to participate
in the rally. The programme of
competitions included a slow
tricycle race, driving skill test,
an obstacle race, an egg and spoon
race, and a repair race which in-
volved changing sparking plugs
within a specific time.

A couple who have suffered
from infantile paralysis from
childhood won the prize for the
best kept vehicle with the double
tricycle they used on their
honeymoon two years ago.

—Reuter.

To Be Proclaimed Next Week

Amsterdam, August 22.

The accession of Queen Juliana to the throne of the
Netherlands will be proclaimed by the Royal
Herolds immediately Queen Wilhelmina of-
ficially abdicates on September 4.

That same afternoon, the new Queen will make her
first official tour of the Dutch capital, driving
in the cream coach given by the late Queen
Emma to Queen Wilhelmina on her investiture
as Queen in 1898.

Officers of the former Cavalry regiments in full
dress and a mounted guard of honour of
Amsterdam citizens in ceremonial robes will
accompany the new Queen on her seven-mile
drive through the city.

The actual investiture of the
new Queen will take place on
September 4. This is by no
means a Coronation, for al-
though a magnificent jewelled
crown will be on the table in
front of the throne during the
whole of the ceremony, it will
not be placed on the Queen's
head and no reference will be
made to it.

The reasons for this are two-
fold: First, the crown is regard-
ed in Holland as being the per-
sonal property of King Willem
Frederick and hence, is at the
most only a symbol of Royal
dignity and not a constitutional
possession.

Second, religious difficulties
have always weighed against a
coronation which is essentially a
religious ceremony to be per-
formed by a high spiritual au-
thority.

Royal Pomp

But all the ingredients of Royal
pomp will be present at the cere-
mony—an imposing throne, a
gem-studded robe, a jewelled
crown and the orb and sceptre,
magnificent uniforms, mighty
banners, colourful processions,
State trumpets, and all the
traditional panoply.

For weeks, an army of work-
men has been preparing the
Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) in
the Dam Square opposite to the
Royal Palace for the investiture
ceremony.

Neglected portions of this
church, almost the oldest church
in Holland, and the treasures
hidden away during the war, have
been restored. Murals have
been cleaned and priceless win-
dows replaced in their former
positions.

A sober but spectacular scheme
of decoration has been devised
for the church building to accen-
tuate its historic dignity and to
throw into relief the brilliant
colour of the procession and the
ceremonial.

Ancient Corollon

Investiture Day will begin offi-
cially at 8 o'clock in the morning,
when a Royal salute of 102 guns,

MALAYA MENACED FROM SIAMESE BORDER

Singapore, August 22.

Reports of armed concentrations of Chinese in Siam
near the Malayan border have been the subject
of long conference between Sir Alexander New-
bould, acting High Commissioner for the
Federation of Malaya, and General Sir Nigel
Richie, the Commander-in-Chief, South East
Asia Land Forces, it was reported here tonight.

Residents of Kelantan, the
northeastern-Malay State bor-
dering the Siamese Isthmus
territory, are said to have com-
plained of the inadequate fron-
tier defences.

From the main Malayan border
post of Rantau Panjang, a column
of green uniformed Chinese was
reported in Sungai Golok, a
Siamese frontier post a mile and
a half away.

Within 10 miles of the frontier
are considerable Chinese-owned
rubber estates and gold mines.
The Straits Times reported to-
day that Kelantan was open to a
serious threat from armed Chi-
nese forces concentrated within
five or 10 miles on the Siamese
side of the frontier.

There was talk of the fron-
tier villages of at least five
groups of armed Chinese in
the Siamese jungle, each of 300
to 400 men. High Government
officials and police authorities in
Kota Bharu, a north-eastern
Malayan port some 10 miles from
the Siamese frontier, declined to
comment on these reports.—Reu-
ter.

Chinese Form Auxiliary Unit

Singapore, August 22.
The Malayan Government has
granted a request of Johore
Chinese to form a Chinese Au-
xiliary Police Force, according to
the "Lat Pau".
The paper said that the Gov-
ernment will provide arms and
ammunition and also grant com-
pensation for injury and death
in the course of duty.
Earlier, at a meeting of Chinese
associations in the State, a pro-

Wartime Censorship In Malaya

Singapore, August 22.

The authorities today moved
a step closer to wartime cen-
sorship in Malaya as a result
of the drive to quell Commu-
nist-led insurgents.

A Government announcement
said news reporters will not nor-
mally be permitted to accompany
forces on operations unless they
are prepared to have their copy
approved by the police or the
Service authority concerned, be-
fore publication.

Six weeks ago, when two cor-
respondents accompanied troops
and police during field operations
in the Kuala Lumpur area, their
stories were checked by a Gov-
ernment public relations officer,
but no changes were made. The
public relations officer said the
check was made only to deter-
mine whether it was wise to per-
mit correspondents to accompany
the forces.

The new regulations, which
the Government announcement
said had been decided upon by
the "local defence committee in
the Federation of Malaya," said
photographs taken during opera-
tions in which police participate
must be vetted by police au-
thorities before publication.
It is understood this is being
done to prevent publication of
the pictures of police informers
and plain clothes detectives.
The announcement said the
army is putting its public rela-
tions on a wartime basis.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Burma Will Never Surrender

Bangkok, August 22.

The acting Burmese Foreign
Minister, Sao Khun Khio, who
arrived here by air today to
lead a Burmese goodwill mis-
sion to Siam, declared tonight:
"Burma will never surrender
to Communism."

He told Reuters that the Com-
munist insurgent forces had al-
ready been suppressed in many
districts and the Government was
now in control of the situation,
although, the pacification of the
entire country would take some
time.

The nine-member Burmese mis-
sion, which includes U Ba Gyan,
Minister of Justice and Home,
U Mya, Chairman of the National
Planning Board, will formally ex-
change notes with the Siamese
Government prior to the estab-
lishment of diplomatic relations
between the two countries.—Reu-
ter.

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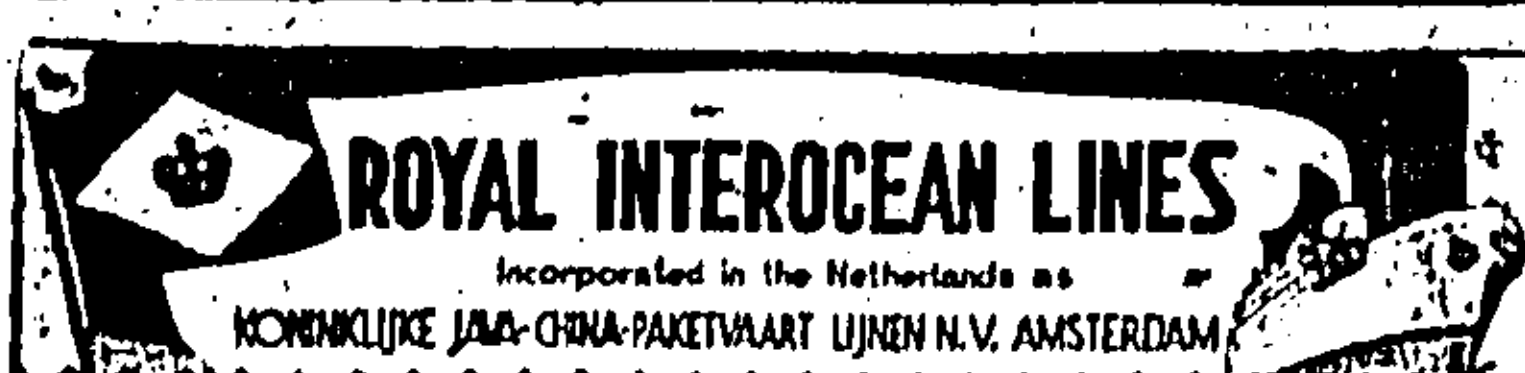
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SHANGHAI REVERTS TO THE POCKET WALLET: NEW MONEY

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Today there was a further rally in the market, accompanied by a slight strengthening of rates.

Local banks reopened today after being closed since Thursday for the conversion of accounts from national dollars into gold yuan, and they are expected to do rushing business taking in piles of old money and doling out fistfuls of the new currency.

There is no doubt but a rush for subsidiary coins which are making their appearance in this country for the first time in a decade, but it is believed that most of the small money issued today will be in notes.

The old dollar will still remain in circulation for some time yet, and a large number of establishments will not act at once to quoting prices in the new money until they hear from their various guilds.

The man in the street will have the satisfaction of tucking his salary into his wallet again at the end of the month instead of carrying it home in a suitcase.

Circular Order
In a circular order, meanwhile, the Central Bank notified all appointed banks to handle all transactions in exchange surrender certificates and foreign exchange as from today as follows:

1. Exporters or others who surrender foreign exchange to the Central Bank through appointed banks out of export proceeds and otherwise, shall be paid in full in gold yuan at the official rate of exchange without recourse to exchange surrender certificates.

2. Importers and others, who are qualified to purchase foreign exchange from the appointed banks and who already have obtained exchange surrender certificates, may change these certificates for gold yuan at the rate of GYO, 150, or its equivalent of CN\$474,000.

3. Importers and others who are qualified to purchase foreign exchange from the appointed banks may also pay in gold yuan notes without exchange surrender certificates at the rate of US\$ 1.—to GY4.—.

4. With the exception of the above mentioned cases, all foreign exchange transactions of the appointed banks shall be made on the basis of the new official exchange rate of US\$1.—to GY4.—.

Wages Issue
Salaries and wages for workers in Shanghai will be based on the last cost of living index of August 15—which stood at 3,030, 000 for workers—then divided by \$3,000,000.

This would yield a figure of approximately 1.2 times the basic for workers in gold yuan. Labour circles, however, are demanding that since the conversion rate between the gold yuan and the silver dollar has been set at 12 to 1, their present basic should be doubled.—Reuter.

(Shanghai, August 23.)

Memories of the good old days were recalled when Shanghaianders woke up this morning to find their newspapers costing only 25 cents—instead of \$800,000—and one foreign store advertising a "10 Cents Sale."

Shanghai will from today attempt to adapt itself to the new economy of dollars and cents after handling millions of dollars daily with reckless abandon.

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Rain Quenches Ardour
Paris, August 22.
The fourth anniversary of the liberation of Paris passed quietly today by ceremonies at the Arc de Triomphe and the city hall, but continual rain kept generally enthusiastic Parisians at home.

The Mayor of Paris, Pierre de Gaulle, brother of General Charles de Gaulle, reviewed a group of resistance leaders at the City Hall this morning.

All over the city, small celebrations were held in commemoration of the liberation.

The Municipal police gave the order that street dancing throughout the city would be permitted on Saturday and today, but so far rain and cold kept the celebrations at a minimum.—United Press.

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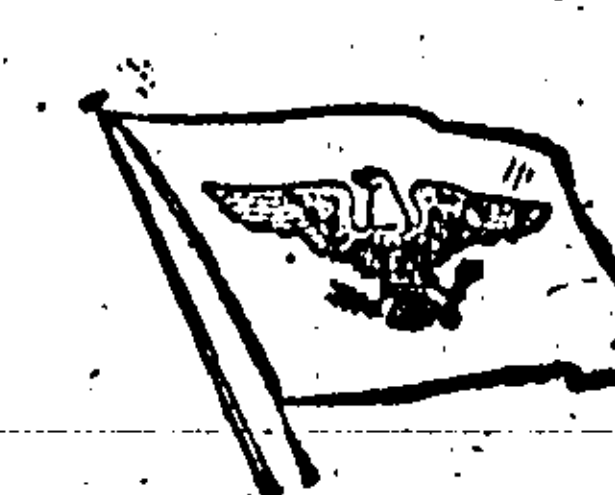
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